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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: DEVICE FOR THE MIXING, DRYING AND  
COATING OF POWDERED, GRANULAR OR  
MOULDED BULK MATERIAL IN A FLUID  
BED AND METHOD FOR PRODUCTIN OF  
SUPPORTED CATALYSTS WITH SUCH A  
DEVICE

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

**FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-captioned application as follows.

**Amendments to the Specification** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.